

109 Second Street (Commercial Building)
Monongahela
Washington County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 109 Second Street, City of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania

USGS Monongahela, Pennsylvania Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates 17.591
400.4450 360

Significance: The building, at 109 Second Street, was used in the 1890's as one of the first spaghetti factories in western Pennsylvania. Later the building was converted into the Hotel Lazzari which became a major stopover for immigrants headed south and west. It is similar in construction to other brick structures of this era in the Pittsburgh area.

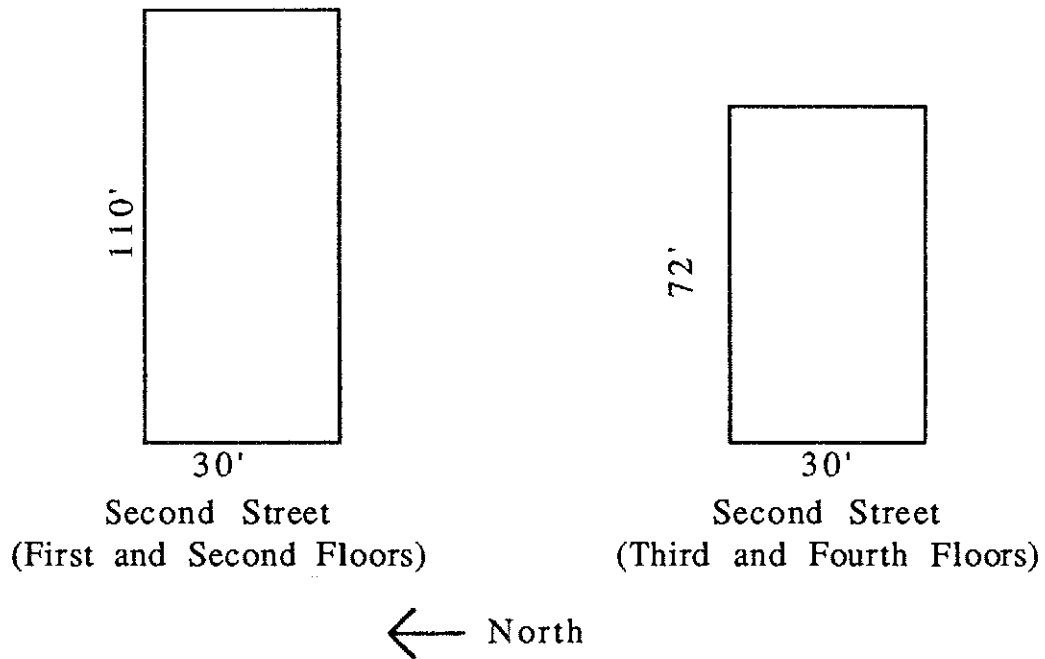
Description: The building is four stories high with yellow pressed brick in front and red pressed brick on the sides and back. The building's first two floors are 30 feet wide and 110 feet long. The third and fourth floors are 30 feet wide and 72 feet long. The building is five bays wide. Windows in the second, third and fourth floors are double sash 1/1. The third and fourth floors are now boarded up, but underneath are 1/1 windows as seen from historic photos and from the inside. The building has a pressed metal cornice. In the 1950's, the first floor facade was boarded over to create a new store front.

History: According to records of the Monongahela Area Historical Society, William Blankenbuchler built the building in 1890 and the Lewis Lazzari family used it to produce spaghetti until Lewis Lazzari bought the building on December 23, 1902 and converted it into the Hotel Lazzari. The Hotel Lazzari served as the Steamship Ticket Agency which handled water travel

as well as railroad. The Hotel Lazzari also became a center for foreign money exchange. Immigrants holding their countries' particular currency could convert it into dollars. Later, in the 1920's as the immigration boom died out, the first floor was converted into bowling alleys and later into various pool halls. The Hotel still operated in the upper three floors until 1945 when William Lazzari sold the building to Vincenzo Passarello and Sarah, his wife. No longer a hotel, the building became Vinnies Restaurant in 1947. In the late 1950's, it became the Paymaster Restaurant until the early 1970's when it became the Clock Restaurant which was closed in 1974.

Source: The Monongahela Area Historical Society

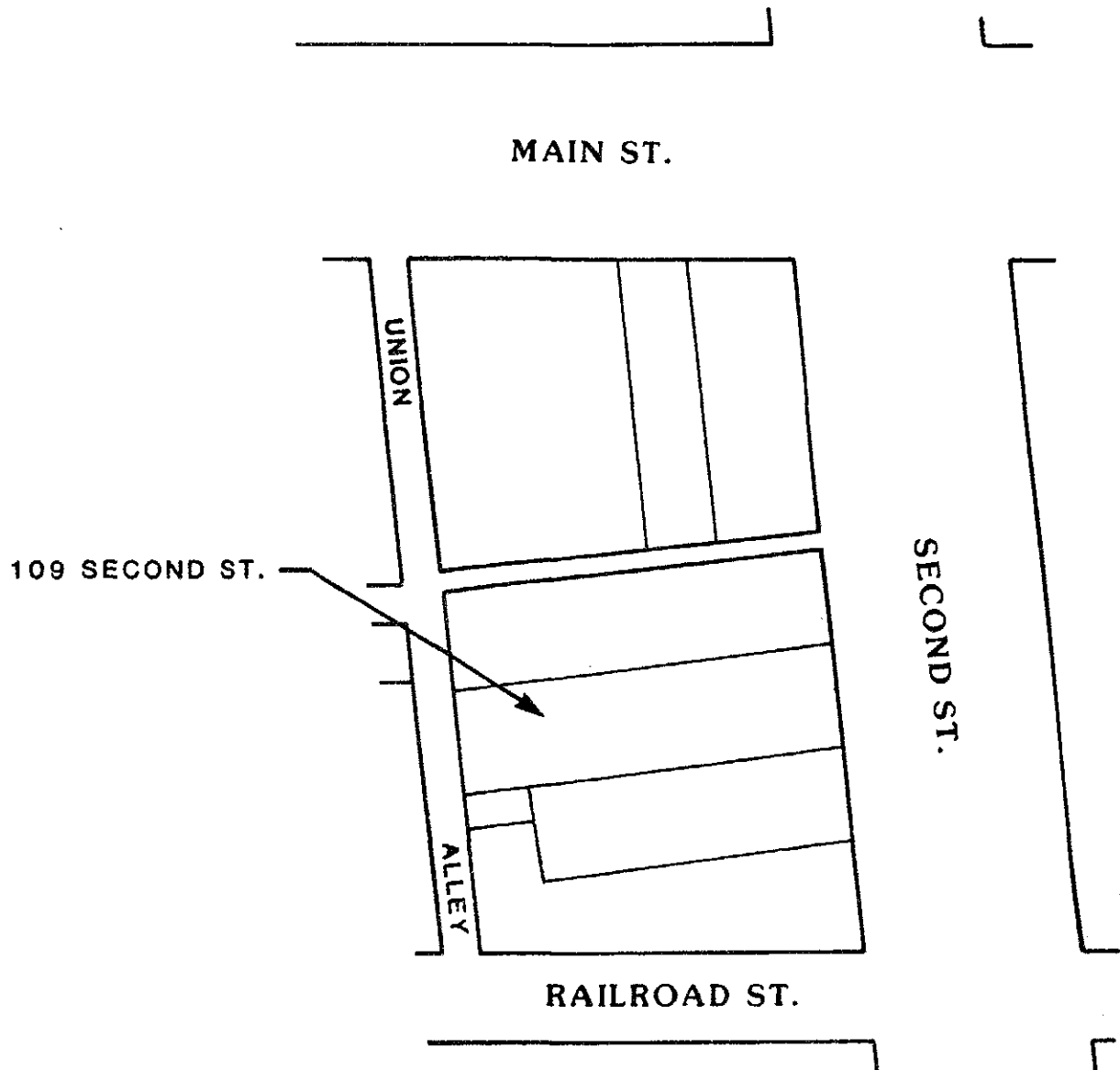
Historian: Sally Kearman, Monongahela Area Historical Society
September 15, 1989



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